

Love & Lies



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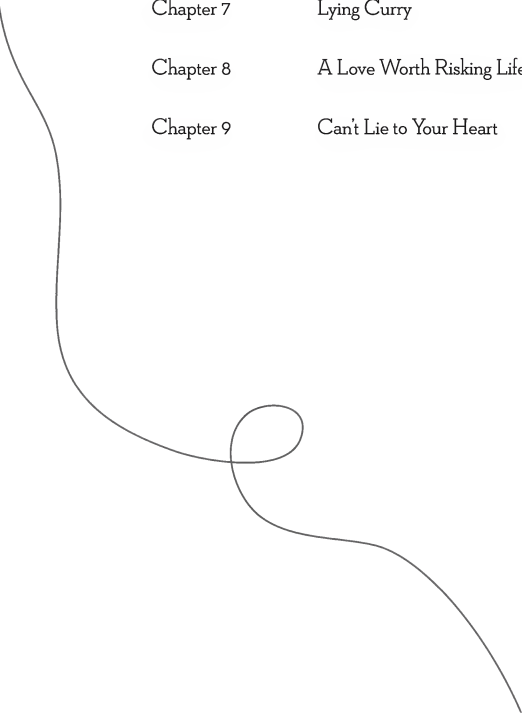
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SO DID
TAKEDA
SHOW
YOU HIS
PARTNER,
TOO,
NISAKA?

NISAKA
?

...

HM?
WHAT?

HLHR, IS
HE MAD?

NO, I
JUST HAVE
AN ERRAND
TO RUN
NEAR THE
STATION.

ANYWAY,
DO YOU
LIVE
NEARBY,
NEJI?

OH, I
SEE.

O-OH
YEAH!
WHEN'S
YOUR
BIRTHDAY
AGAIN,
NISAKA?



BUT MAN,
BEFORE WE
STARTED
HIGH SCHOOL,
I NEVER WOULD
HAVE THOUGHT
WE'D BE
WALKING
HOME
TOGETHER
LIKE THIS!

...
NEJI...
UM...

HUH?
THAT'S
MEAN!

WELL....
YOU
WERE
PRETTY
ANNOYING.

I'M
TALKING
ABOUT
AT
FIRST.

OH, THAT'S
GOOD.

WE HAD
THE SAME
CRAM
SCHOOL,
BUT OUR
REGULAR
SCHOOLS
WERE
DIFFER-
ENT...
I
KINDA
FELT
LIKE I
WAS A
HANGER-
ON WITH
YOU...

HUH?

MAYBE
...

...I WAS
REALLY
HAPPY.

MAYBE YOU
WEREN'T
INTERESTED
AT ALL IN
A PLAIN GUY
LIKE ME,
BUT...

AFTER
THE
ENTRANCE
CEREMONY,
WHEN I
FOUND OUT
WE WERE IN
THE SAME
CLASS...







Love & Lies

YUKARI ISN'T
QUITE AS
GOOD-LOOKING,
BUT YOU
TWO SUIT
EACH OTHER!

THE
GOVERNMENT
SURE DOES
MAKE
AMAZING
MATCHES!

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BAAAAAAM

ん

SILENCE
...

NO
NEED
TO BE
SNAPPY...

IT'S
JUST
KISSING!

NO
WAY!

HOW
CAN
YOU
ASK
THAT?!

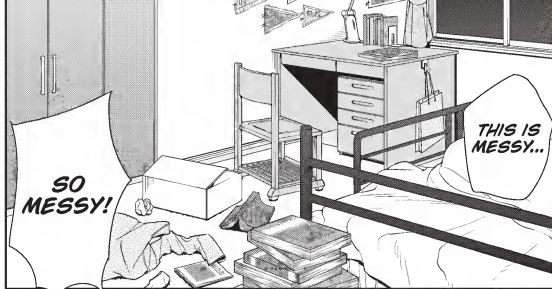
HAVE
YOU
KISSED
YET?

















I FELT
LIKE I
WAS
FLOATING
ON AIR
THAT DAY!

TAKASAKI-SAN
SMILED AT ME...

AND I
WAS HAPPY,
WHATEVER
I DID...

I THINK...
IT WASN'T
THAT DAY.

I THINK IT
WAS THE DAY
AFTER THAT.

THINGS
SHOULD
HAVE BEEN
THE SAME
AS USUAL,
BUT...

THE NEXT DAY,
WHEN I WENT
TO CLASS...

IT WAS LIKE
ONLY TAKASAKI-SAN
WAS SHINING.

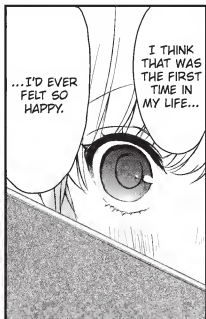
I'M
SURE
THAT
WAS
THE
MOMENT
...

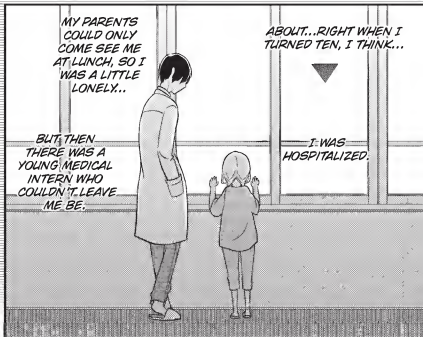
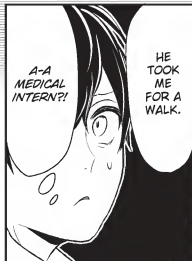
AND EVERYTHING
LOOKED DIFFERENT
TO ME...

...THAN IT
HAD THE
DAY BEFORE.

...TAKASAKI-
SAN
BECAME
SPECIAL
TO ME.

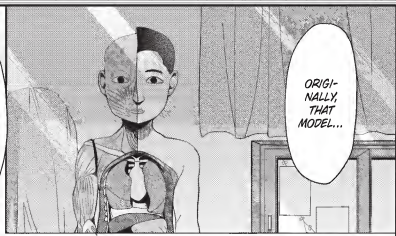
JUST LOOKING
AT HER GOT
ME EXCITED...







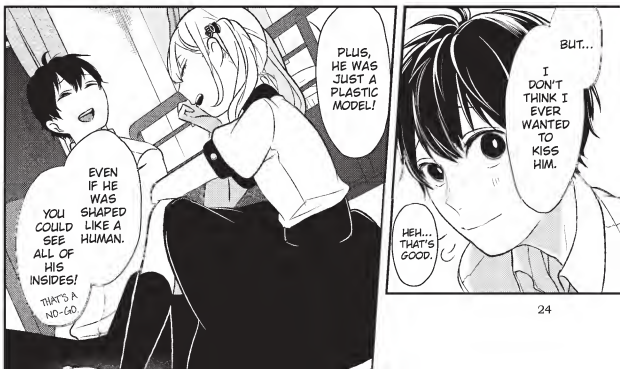
DO YOU SEE THAT CHILD ANATOMY DOLL OVER THERE?



AND THAT WHOEVER SEES HIM CRY WILL GET KIDNEY STONES WITHIN THE YEAR ...

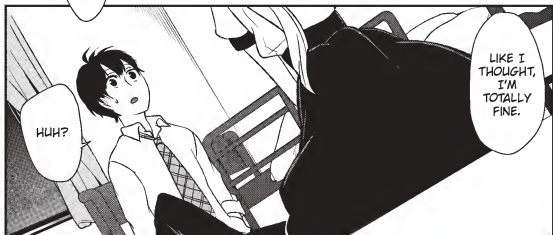
SO THEY SAY THAT HE'S SO LONELY HE CRIES NIGHT AFTER NIGHT.

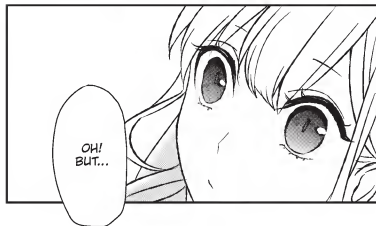
BUT WHEN THEY OPENED THE PEDIATRIC FACILITY HERE, ONLY THE CHILD MODEL WAS MOVED OVER...







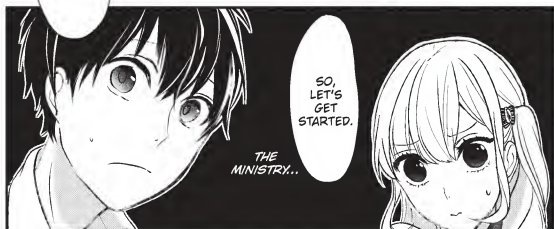














...ARE
KNOWN
AS THE
"RED
THREAD
OF
SCIENCE,"
AFTER
ALL.

YUKARI
MARRIAGES
VIA
THE...

...GOVERN-
MENT
NOTICE
SYSTEM...

DON'T
BE SO
BLUNT!

IT'S
QUITE
NORMAL!

*NOTE: IN EAST ASIAN CULTURES, LOVERS ARE SOMETIMES SAID TO BE CONNECTED BY A RED THREAD, WHICH DESTINES THEM TO MEET.

BEFORE
WE GET
INTO THE
INQUIRY,
LET'S TALK
A LITTLE
BIT...

...ABOUT
THAT!

IS THIS
THE LAST
ONE FOR
TODAY?

OH, NO.
THE NEXT
ONE IS
THE LAST.

THEN
MAYBE WE
CAN CHAT
WITH THEM
TO HELP
THINGS
WORK
OUT.

...COMES
FROM AN
INCREDIBLE
AMOUNT
OF DATA.

THE
POWER
OF THE RED
THREAD
OF
SCIENCE...



DID YOU
KNOW?

THEY
SAY
THAT
YOUR
GENES...
...DETERMINE
50% OF
YOUR
PERSONALITY.

THE OTHER 50%
IS DETERMINED
BY YOUR
ENVIRONMENT.



THERE'S
THE
GENETIC
INFORMATION
WE TAKE
WHEN
YOU'RE
BORN, OF
COURSE...
AND
FROM
YOUR
PARENTS
WE KNOW
YOUR
STANDARD
OF LIVING
AND
COMPATIBIL-
ITY...



THAT'S
RIGHT,
OVER AND
OVER.

FROM
YOUR
HEALTH
CHECKUPS
IN THE
SPRING...
...TO
YOUR
ETHICS
CLASSES
IN SECOND
SEMESTER.



FROM THE
TIME YOU
STARTED
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL, UNTIL
YOU WERE
15 YEARS
OLD...
...YOU
TOOK
MANY
SURVEYS
AND HAD
VARIOUS
PSYCHOLOGICAL
INTERVIEWS.

ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL NO. 2

ENTRANCE



ALL OF THAT
INFORMATION
TOGETHER
GIVES RISE TO
THE RESULTS
OF YOUR
GOVERNMENT
NOTICE.



FROM
THAT
GROUPING,
WE TAKE
ACCOUNT FOR
MANY FACTORS,
INCLUDING
FAMILY
ENVIRONMENT,
STANDARD
OF LIVING,
IDEOLOGY,
ETC...

...AND
NARROW
IT DOWN
TO SET
COUPLES.

...AND
COMPARE
IT WITH
THE
TENDENCIES
OF CHANGE
FOUND IN
YOUR EXAM
RESPONSES...

WE TAKE
THE
PERSONALITY
WE'VE
CALCULATED
BASED
ON YOUR
GENETICS...

SORT
YOU BY
SEX AND
THE YEAR
YOU WERE
BORN...

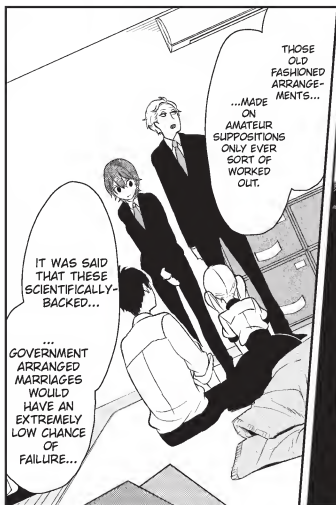
...AND
CLASSIFY
YOU
ACCORDING
TO A CHART
WITH
OVER 90%
ACCURACY.

HUMANS
ARE A
SOCIAL
ANIMAL,
AFTER
ALL.

...TO
PEOPLE
YOU'VE
KNOWN SINCE
BEFORE YOU
REACHED
ADULTHOOD.
IT'S NO
DIFFERENT
THAN
CATS AND
DOGS.

IT'S
MUCH
EASIER
TO BE
CLOSE
...

THE KEY
IS TO FIND
SOMEONE
BEFORE
YOU TURN 16,
WHEN YOUR
PERSONALITY
IS FINISHED
FORMING.



THOSE
OLD
FASHIONED
ARRANGE-
MENTS...

...MADE
ON
AMATEUR
SUPPOSITIONS
ONLY EVER
SORT OF
WORKED
OUT.

IT WAS SAID
THAT THESE
SCIENTIFICALLY-
BACKED...

...
GOVERNMENT
ARRANGED
MARRIAGES
WOULD
HAVE AN
EXTREMELY
LOW CHANCE
OF
FAILURE...



EVEN
A FEW
DECADES
AGO...

...WE HAD
CULTURAL
RELICS LIKE
"MATCH-
MAKERS"
AND
"MARRIAGE
MEETINGS."

BUT
COMPARED
WITH THE
CURRENT
YUIKARI
SYSTEM,
THOSE
WERE
CHILD'S
PLAY.



WELL,
IT'S MUCH
EASIER
TO HAVE
SOMEONE
ELSE
DECIDE
FOR YOU.

AND
THAT'S
BEEN
PROVEN
CORRECT
NOW.



OH!
AND BY
THE
WAY!

GENES,
PERSONALITY
TESTS,
APPEARANCE
...
SO THERE'S
SOMETHING
SOLID
BEHIND
YOUR
CHOICES.







THE YAY
OR NAY
FROM USER
REVIEWS IS
IMPORTANT,
AND LET'S NEW
ADOPTERS
KNOW
IF THERE
IS A HIGH
THRESHOLD
TO...

AND CAN'T WE
HAVE SOME
COMMENTS
FROM
EXPERIENCED
USERS
IN THE
MANUAL?

I'LL
LET THE
HIGHER-UPS
KNOW
ABOUT
THAT!
THANK
YOU VERY
MUCH!

BUT
THERE'S
TOO MUCH
INFORMATION
THAT ISN'T
SHARED WITH
THE PEOPLE
INVOLVED IN
THE NAME OF
FINDING A
PARTNER
QUICKLY.

I
UNDERSTAND
THE
LOGIC.

COULDN'T
WE HAVE
SOME
DISCLO-
SURE?





GO AT
IT...?

PLEASE,
GO AT
IT!

IF
YOU
LOOK
AT IT
LIKE...
I
THINK
IT'S
FINE
IF YOU
TAKE
THINGS A
LITTLE
QUICKER!



OH,
YES!

FORGET
ABOUT
IT!



S-SE...

WITH LILINA...



OH,
YES!
UM...
NEJIMA-
KUN,
WAS IT?



I'M
TIRED...

THEY
FINALLY
LEFT!
AGH!



OKAY, SEE
YOU LATER
THEN!
THANKS
FOR YOUR
TIME!





IT'S...

...NEAR
THE
PARK...

TH-
THEN
...

IT'S
BEHIND
ELEMEN-
TARY
SCHOOL
NO. 2...



I CAN'T
GIVE YOU
THAT
INFORMA-
TION.

UM!

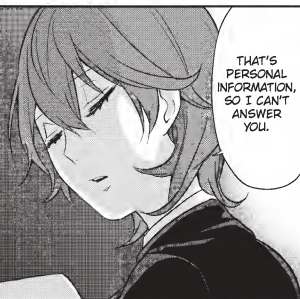
DOES
THAT
MEAN
THAT
MISAKI
GOT HER
NOTICE?



OH!
I SEE,
THAT'S
IT.

LOOK,
MOTOI'S
MAP IS
WRONG.

SORRY,
SORRY!



THAT'S
PERSONAL
INFORMATION,
SO I CAN'T
ANSWER
YOU.



SH-
SHE'S A
FRIEND!

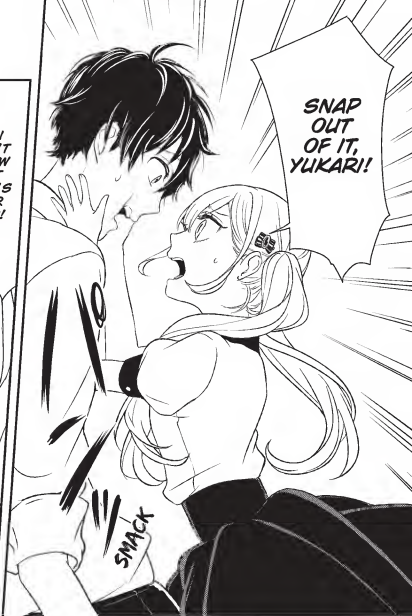
TELL US
WHAT HE'S
LIKE, AT
LEAST...





YOU
DON'T
KNOW
YET
IF IT'S
FOR
HER!

IT
MIGHT
BE FOR
HER
BROTHER
OR
SOME-
THING!



**SNAP
OUT
OF IT,
YUKARI!**

SMACK



IT'S NO
USE...
I CAN'T
DO
ANY-
THING.

IT'S
NO
USE,
OKAY?!



WHO
ELSE
WOULD
IT BE
FOR...

...IF NOT
HER?!

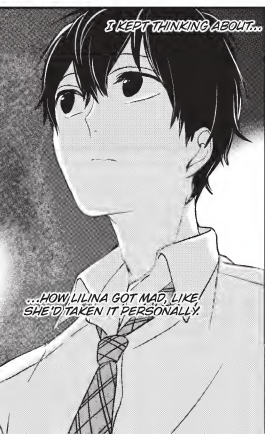


AS
FAR
AS I
KNOW...

TAKA-
SAKI-
SAN...
DOESN'T
HAVE
ANY
OLDER
SIBLINGS
...









...IS WAY
WEIRDER.

I THINK
A WORLD
WHERE YOU
CAN'T KISS
THE ONE
YOU
LOVE...

MORN-
ING!

MORN-
ING!

IT'S
TAKASAKI-
SAN!

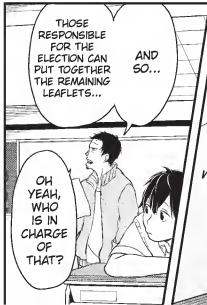
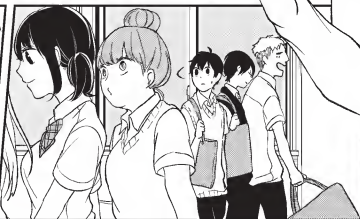
SHE'S
HERE!

MISAKI
WAS
ALMOST
LATE!
THAT
NEVER
HAPPENS!

EHE!
I WAS
JUST
CARELESS!



OKAY...
NOW'S
MY
CHANCE
!



THOSE
RESPONSIBLE
FOR THE
ELECTION CAN
PUT TOGETHER
THE REMAINING
LEAFLETS...

AND
SO...

OH
YEAH,
WHO
IS IN
CHARGE
OF THAT?

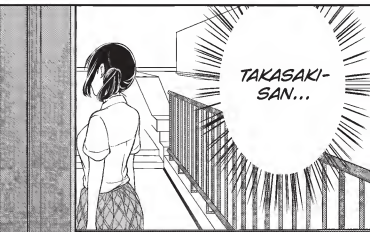
WHAT AM I
DOING?

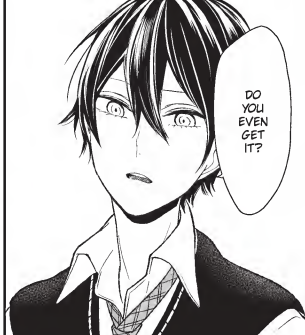


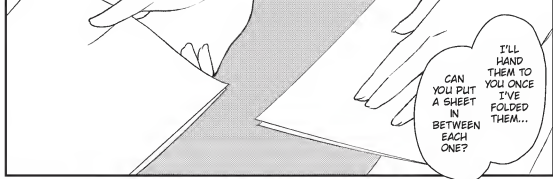
AGH...

SIXTH PERIOD IS
ALREADY OVER...















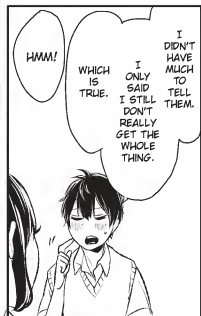




I THINK
YOU AND
LILINA-
CHAN...

...ARE A
GOOD
MATCH,
THOUGH.

HUH?
WHY?!



HMM!

WHICH
IS
TRUE.

I
ONLY
SAID
I STILL
DON'T
REALLY
GET THE
WHOLE
THING.

I
DIDN'T
HAVE
MUCH
TO
TELL
THEM.



YOU'RE
NOT
VERY
CONFIDENT
ABOUT
YOUR-
SELVES,
BUT...

...YOU CAN
BOTH BE
REALLY
DEDICATED
FOR
SOMEONE
ELSE'S
SAKE.



I CAN'T
REALLY
SAY WHY,
BUT...

...THERE
ARE TIMES
WHEN I
FEEL LIKE
YOU'RE
KIND OF
ALIKE.



YESTER-
DAY...



THAT'S
TRUE!

LILINA-CHAN'S
A LOT MORE
RECKLESS AND
STRONG-WILLED,
THOUGH.





...



BUT
WHOEVER
HE IS, I'LL
STILL...



WHEN
YOU DO
GET YOUR
NOTICE, I
WONDER
WHAT
HE'LL BE
LIKE...

THEY'LL
...

...COME
TO YOU
EVENTUALLY
TOO,
HUH?



HUH?

HMM...
BUT...

I
DON'T
REALLY
CARE
WHAT
HE'S
LIKE.



YOU'RE
THE
ONLY
ONE...

...WHO'S
SPECIAL
TO ME.

BECAUSE...



WHOEVER
HE IS,
THAT
WON'T
CHANGE.

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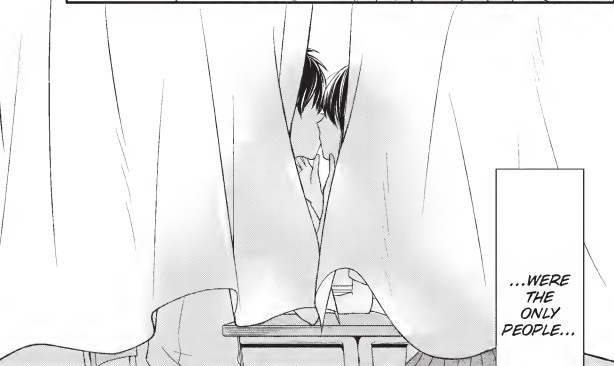
IN THAT
MOMENT
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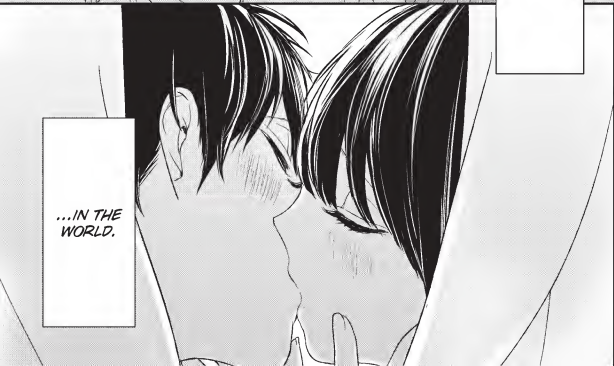
I
IMAGINED

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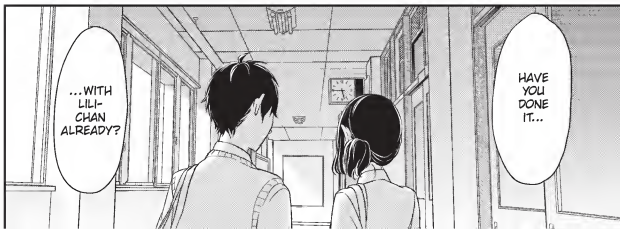
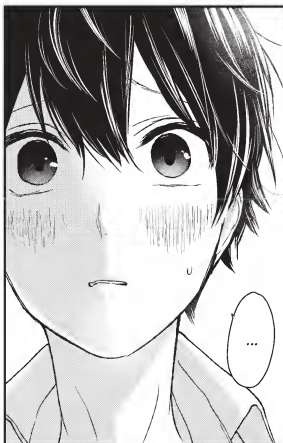
...THAT
WE...



...WERE
THE
ONLY
PEOPLE...



...IN THE
WORLD.





PEOPLE
MIGHT
LAUGH AT
US FOR
CLINGING
SO
HARD...



NO...

I
HAVEN'T.

...DISAPPEAR
THE NEXT
DAY..



...TO A
LOVE
THAT
MIGHT...

REMEM-
BERING
THAT
MADE ME
FEEL A
LITTLE
GUILTY...

...AND
VERY
RELIEVED.



BUT AT
LEAST...

...LILINA-
CHAN
ISN'T
LAUGHING,
I GUESS.

"I THINK A WORLD
WHERE YOU CAN'T
KISS THE ONE YOU
LOVE IS WAY
WEIRDER."





**FOR
REAL?!**

**SHE
SAID
SHE'S
COMING.**

**SO
WHAT...**

**...DID
SHE
SAY?**

**...YEAH, I'M
DEFINITELY
GOING TO BE
OVERWHELMED.**

**T-TWO OF THEM
AND ONE OF ME,
HUH? THIS IS
GOING TO BE
TROUBLE...
THEY'RE GOING
TO OVERWHELM US
WITH NUMBERS!**

**I
GOT
IT!**

**DON'T
BRING
ANYONE
TOO
WEIRD!**

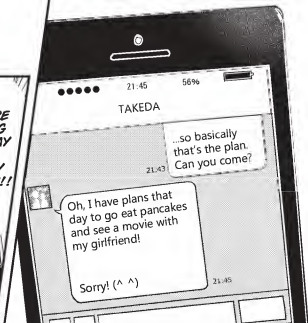
**SURE,
BUT...**

H-HEY!

**CAN I
INVITE A
FRIEND
TOO?**

**A GOOD
GUY WITH
TIME ON
HIS
HANDS!**

**I NEED TO
GET ONE
MORE GUY
TO COME,
WHATEVER
IT TAKES!**







ARE YOU...

...LIKE THIS WITH OTHER PEOPLE?

LIFE MUST BE EXHAUSTING FOR YOU.

COME ON! PLEASE ?!

COME ON!
I'LL DO ANYTHING YOU WANT!
REALLY!



WAH!!

YOU'RE MY ONLY OPTION !!

SO PLEASE !!

...

*RICE CAKES WITH FILLING



sigh
は

...GET ME THREE STRAWBERRY DAIFUKU.*

!



THE DAY
BEFORE
THE TRIP

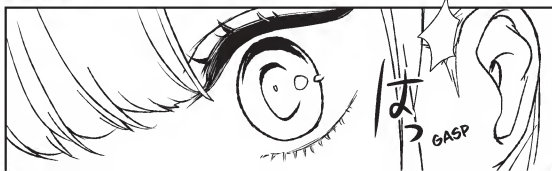
DING

We'll meet tomorrow
at the ticket gate

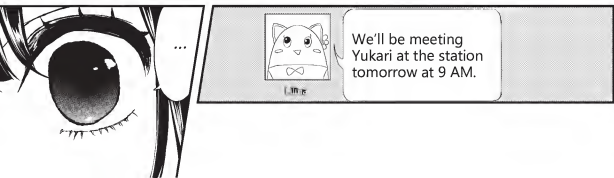
OH! I'LL
SEND
THIS TO
NISAKA,
TOO.
WON-
DER IF
HE'LL
SEE
IT...

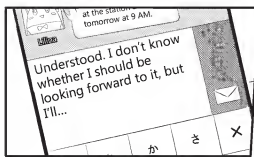
DING

9 AM...
OKAY.

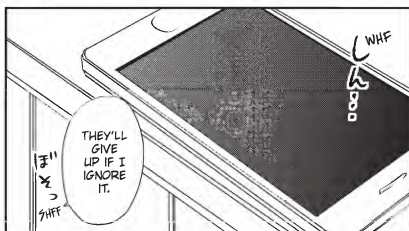


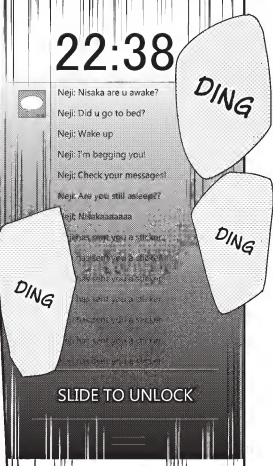




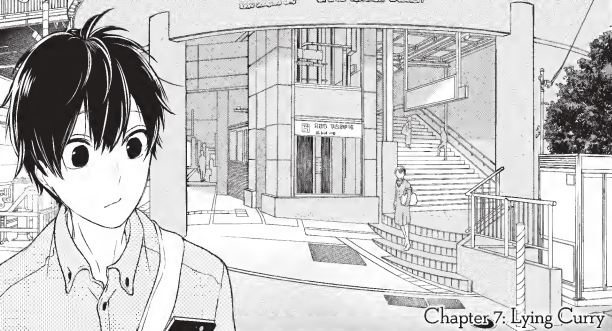








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FROM

IF YOU THOUGHT IT WOULD MAKE ME MAD, THEN YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE INVITED ME.

IS IT BECAUSE I FORCED YOU TO COME?

AHA HA HA...

WAIT, NISAKA...

ARE YOU MAD?

YUKARI!

WHAT THE HECK? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

JUST SO YOU KNOW...

YOU'RE GOING TO BE THE ONE IN TROUBLE FOR INVITING ME.

HUH?

HUH?

WHY...

STARE

I BROUGHT MISAKI!

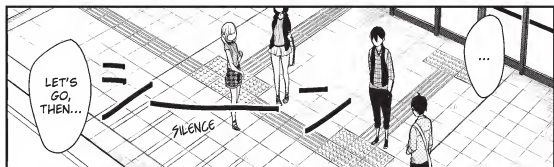
LET'S GET ON THE...

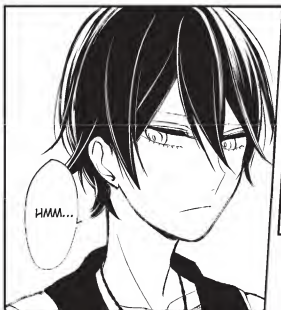


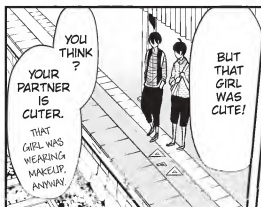
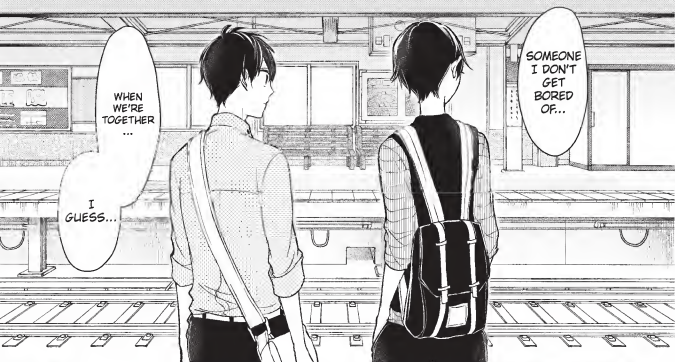


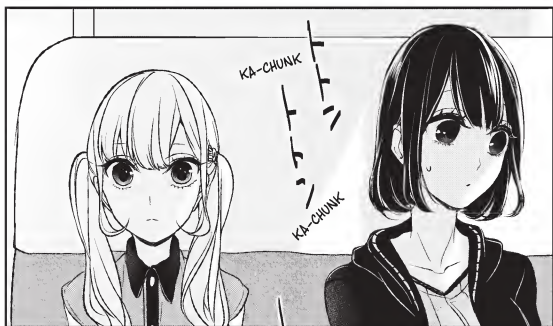
















CRUSH (?)
CLASSMATE
(?)

IT'S
HARD
TO PIN
HER
DOWN...



FIANCÉE
(PROBA-
BLY)

I DON'T
REALLY
KNOW
WHAT SHE
WANTS,
THOUGH...



FRIEND.



NISAKA-
KUN...



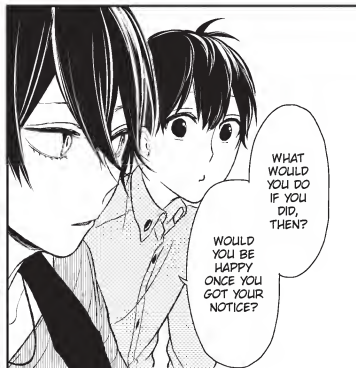
BUT I
THINK ALL OF
US ARE JUST
CONFUSED
ABOUT IT.

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IF WE WERE TWO
COUPLES, THIS
WOULD BE A DOUBLE
DATE, AND MAYBE IT
DOES LOOK LIKE
WE'RE ONE ONE...

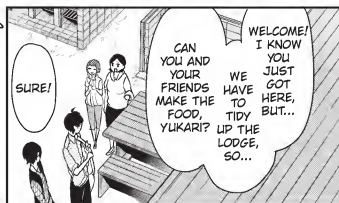








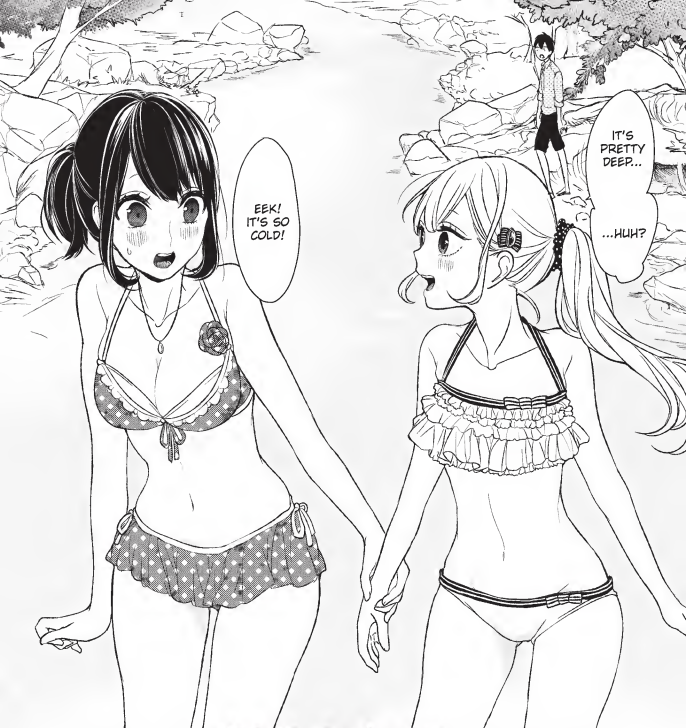








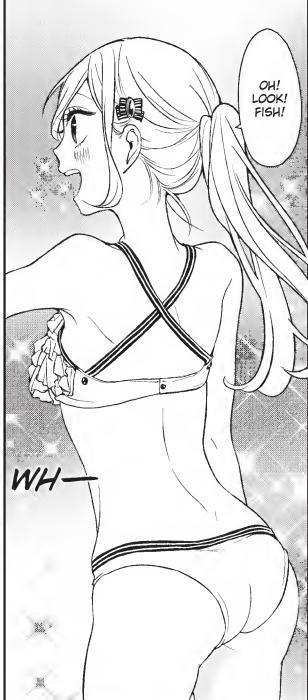






HUH?
WHERE, WHERE?

WHAT?!



OH!
LOOK!
FISH!

WH—



BUT...

PEEK



I
REALLY
SHOULDN'T
WATCH
THIS...
RIGHT?

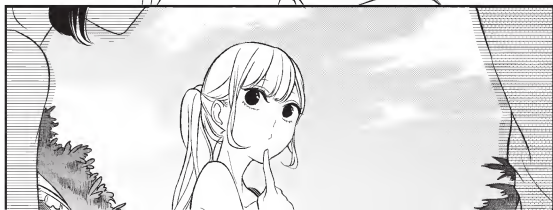
NO,
WAIT!
WHAT
DO I
DO?!

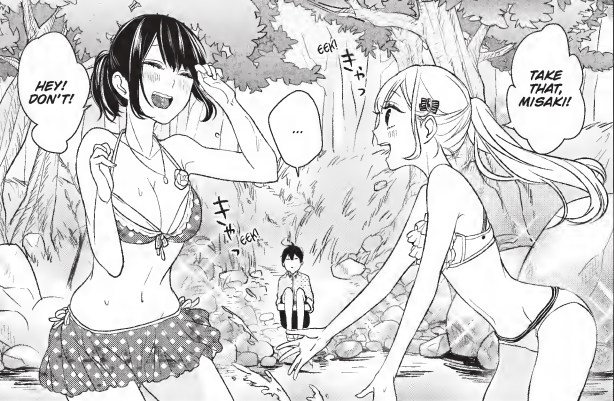
S-SWIM-
SUITS!

WHAT?!
WOW!

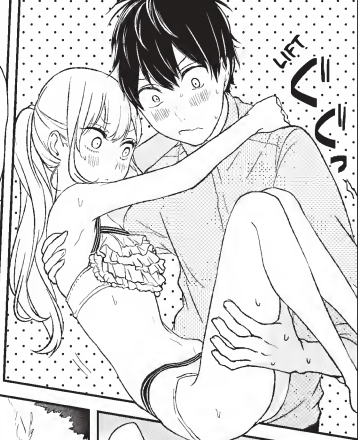


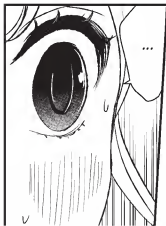




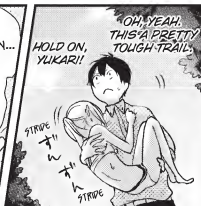




















AND
LILINA-
CHAN...

I LIKE
BOTH
NEJIMA-
KUN...



...SO
THAT'S
WHY.

HMM.



WHEN
I SAID
I WAS
GOING...

LILI-
CHAN
WAS SO
HAPPY...



HMM?

WHAT
THE HECK
IS WITH
HER?







...JAPAN
STILL
DIDN'T
HAVE A
WRITTEN
LANGUAGE.

D-DID
YOU
KNOW?

IN THE
ERA THE
KOFUN
WERE
MADE...



DON'T
YOU
THINK
THAT'S
AMAZING?



NOBODY EVEN
KNOWS WHAT
THE PEOPLE
BURIED THERE
WERE LIKE,
WHAT OTHER
PEOPLE THOUGHT
OF THEM, OR
WHY THEY
WERE
ENSHRINED
THERE.

WE
CAN
ONLY
IMAGINE.

SO WE
DON'T
KNOW
VERY
MUCH
ABOUT
THOSE
AMAZING
GRAVES...
...THAT
HAVE
BEEN
PART OF
OUR
GEOGRAPHY
FOR NEARLY
TWO
THOUSAND
YEARS.



SUCH A HUGE GRAVE
SHOULD MAKE THAT
PERSON'S IDENTITY
SO DEFINITE...

AND THEN THERE'S THE
MOMENT YOU STEP INTO THE
SITE... FOLLOWING THE
TRACES LEFT BEHIND THAT
MAY BE REAL OR FAKE...

BUT INSTEAD THEY'RE FULL
OF INFINITE POSSIBILITIES.

IMAGINING THE LORD
OF THAT KOFUN...



SO FOR
NOW...

I THINK
I'D LIKE TO
STUDY UNDER
PROFESSOR
FURUMORI,
WHO DOES
CLASSES
AT THE
PREFECTURAL
UNIVERSITY
WITH LOTS OF
FIELD
EXCAVATION...



AND
HOPEFULLY
I CAN DO
SOME
EXCAVATION
RESEARCH
ON MY
DAYS
OFF!

AND
THEN GET
CERTIFIED
AS A
CURATOR
AND WORK
AT AN
ARTIFACT
MUSEUM
AFTER I
GRADUATE...



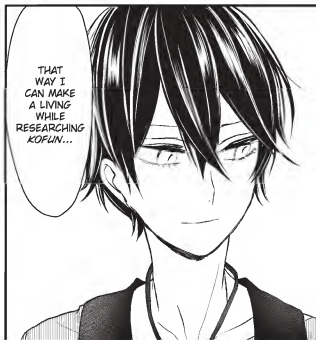
I
REALLY
LOVE
THAT
MOMENT!



NO,
IT'S
OKAY.

IT'S
GREAT
TO HAVE
GOALS.

...SORRY!
I JUST
GET
REALLY
EXCITED
ABOUT
KOFUN!



THAT
WAY I
CAN MAKE
A LIVING
WHILE
RESEARCHING
KOFUN...



DON'T
GIVE
UP.



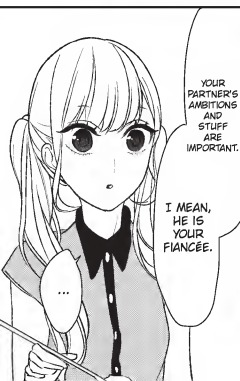
I'VE
ALWAYS
RAMBLERD
AND
FAILED
LIKE
THIS,
THOUGH...



BUT
THAT'S
BECAUSE
YOU LOVE
THEM
JUST SO
MUCH,
RIGHT?



YES,
SIR!



YOUR
PARTNER'S
AMBITIONS
AND
STUFF
ARE
IMPORTANT.

I MEAN,
HE IS
YOUR
FIANCEE.



WHAT?

WHY
WOULD
I?

SO DO
YOU TALK
ABOUT
YOUR
FUTURE
AND
STUFF
WITH
NEJI?



SANADA-
SAN...









POOR
TAKASAKI.

アハハ
7/10



OH
YEAH,
LIKE
THIS
AFTER-
NOON.
HAHA.

YOUR
FIANCEE
SEEMS TO
REALLY
LIKE THAT
STUFF.



...

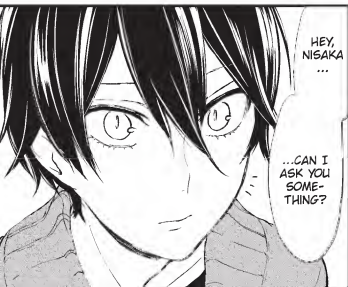


NISAKA PROBABLY...

...NOTICED A LONG
TIME AGO THAT I LIKE
TAKASAKI-SAN...

SO HE'S
BEING CAREFUL
WITH ME...

EVEN IF
HE LIKES
TAKASAKI-SAN,
HE'S PRETENDING
NOTHING IS
WRONG...

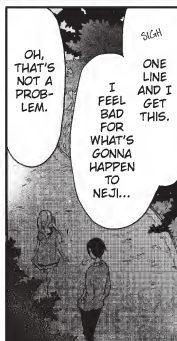


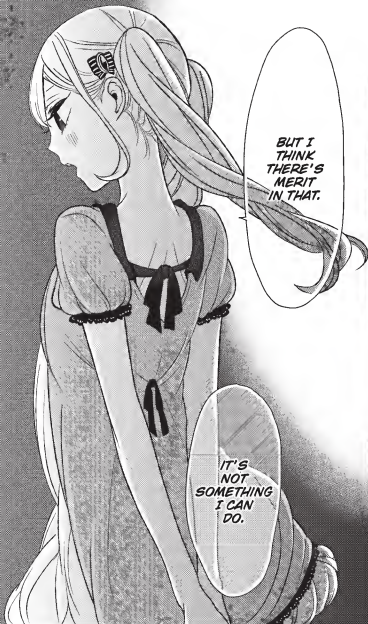
HEY,
NISAKA
...

...CAN I
ASK YOU
SOME-
THING?















I DIDN'T
THINK
WE'D
NEED ONE
BECAUSE
OF THE
MOON,
BUT...

NOW
I WISH
WE'D
BROUGHT
A
FLASH-
LIGHT.

WHERE
WAS MY
FLASH-
LIGHT
APP,
AGAIN?

...



Y-
YEAH...
I THINK
I
TRIPPED
ON A
ROOT...
IT'S
SO
DARK,
I CAN'T
SEE...

ARE
YOU
OKAY?



IT'S
DARK,
SO IT'S
DANGER-
OUS...

DO
YOU...
WANT
TO...

...HOLD
HANDS?



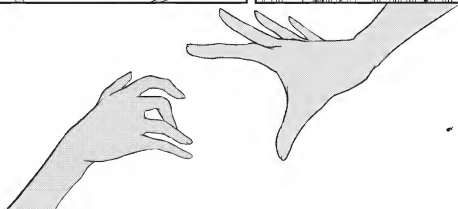
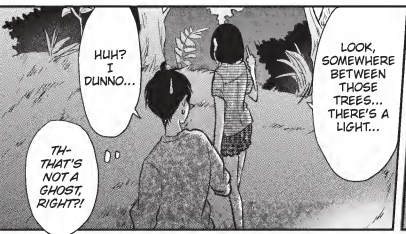
...I MEAN,
LILI-CHAN
HURT HER
ANKLE
TODAY,
DIDN'T SHE?

YEAH.



...!



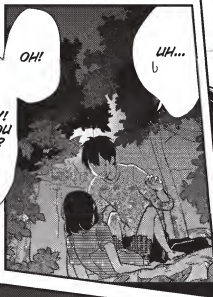








SORRY!
ARE YOU
OKAY?



OH!

UH...



...

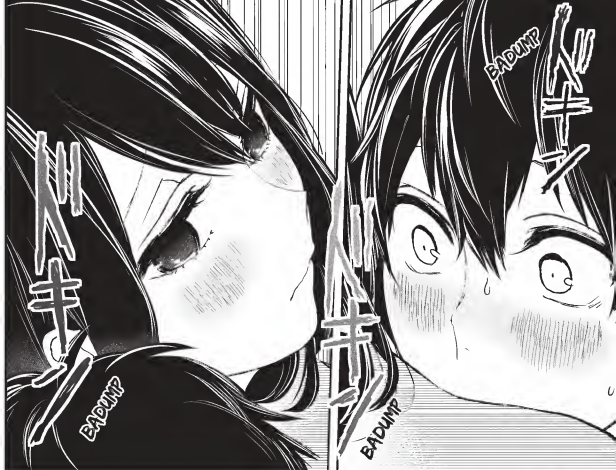


I
THOUGHT
I WAS
GOING
TO DIE



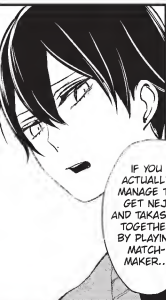
HUH...?





CAN
WE
STAY
LIKE
THIS...

JUST
FOR A
LITTLE
BIT?



IF YOU
ACTUALLY
MANAGE TO
GET NEJI
AND TAKASAKI
TOGETHER
BY PLAYING
MATCH-
MAKER...



OH,
MY BAD.
LET ME
PUT THIS
ANOTHER
WAY...

IT'S
NOT
LIKE I'M
DOING
ANYTHING
ILLEGAL!

WHAT
THE
HECK
DO YOU
MEAN?



WELL
...

I'LL
BE
WITH...

YOU'LL
BE
WITH
THEM?



...WHERE
WILL
YOU BE
THEN?



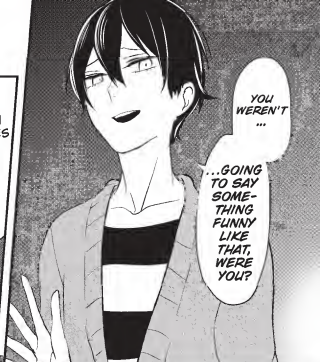
...FRIENDS,
THOUGH.

WELL,
YOU
MIGHT
BE...

YOU'LL
BE A
STRANGER
AND AN
OUTSIDER
TO HIM.

YOUR
GOVERN-
MENT
NOTICE
WILL BE
ANNULLED
...

IF NEJI
CHOOSES
TAKA-
SAKI...



YOU
WEREN'T
...

...GOING
TO SAY
SOME-
THING
FUNNY
LIKE
THAT,
WERE
YOU?



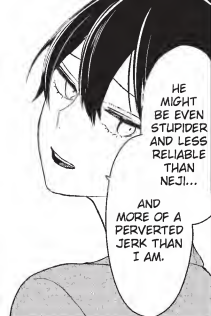
COULD
YOU
STILL
BE...

...FRIENDS
WITH
NEJI AND
TAKA-
SAKI...

...IF
THEY GOT
MARRIED?



BEING
FRIENDS
MEANS
THAT IF YOU
WANT ANY
MORE THAN
THAT, IT'S
OVER.





IN NEJI'S
CASE, THE
"DREAM"
HE SPOKE
OF THIS
AFTERNOON
...

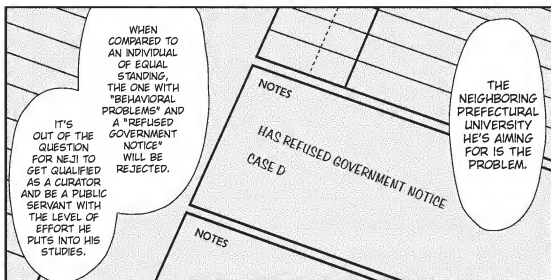
...WILL
NEVER
COME
TRUE.

IT
REALLY
DEPENDS
ON THE
SITUATION,
CIRCUM-
STANCES
AND
RATIONALE,
BUT...



IT'S NO
BIG DEAL IF
THINGS DON'T
GO WELL NO
MATTER HOW
HARD YOU
TRY, AND THE
MATCH IS
DISMISSED
AND
RECALCULATED
...

BUT
THINGS
ARE
DIFFERENT
IF YOU
REJECT
IT
OUTRIGHT.



WHEN
COMPARED TO
AN INDIVIDUAL
OF EQUAL
STANDING,
THE ONE WITH
"BEHAVIORAL
PROBLEMS" AND
A "REFUSED
GOVERNMENT
NOTICE"
WILL BE
REJECTED.

IT'S
OUT OF THE
QUESTION
FOR NEJI TO
GET QUALIFIED
AS A CURATOR
AND BE A PUBLIC
SERVANT WITH
THE LEVEL OF
EFFORT HE
PUTS INTO HIS
STUDIES.

NOTES
HAS REFUSED GOVERNMENT NOTICE
CASE D
NOTES

THE
NEIGHBORING
PREFECTURAL
UNIVERSITY
HE'S AIMING
FOR IS THE
PROBLEM.



THESE
DAYS, WHEN
PEOPLE
THINK OF
THE TROUBLE
THAT WILL
COME
DOWN THE
ROAD...

DECENT
COMPANIES
WILL
NEVER HIRE
SOMEONE
WHO HAS
REFUSED
THEIR
NOTICE.

GETTING
INTO THE
PRIVATE
SECTOR
IS EVEN
MORE
DIFFICULT.

SO THE
MINORITY
OF PEOPLE
WHO GET
DIVORCED
AFTER
MARRYING
NORMALLY
STAND OUT
IN A BAD
WAY.

DIVORCE
RATES
HAVE
GONE
DOWN
WITH THIS
LEGISLATION...



IN
OTHER
WORDS

...WHAT
YOU'RE
TRYING
TO DO...

MAYBE
YOU WERE
JUST
TRYING
TO BE A
FRIEND
AND CHEER
ON THEIR
RELATION-
SHIP,
BUT...

...WILL
ONLY MAKE
NEJI
UNHAPPY.

...YOU'RE
A PRETTY
CRAPPY
MATCH-
MAKER.



...



I JUST
WANTED
THEM
TO BE
HAPPY,
SO...

...

I LIKE
MISAKI...
AND
YUKARI...



I-I...



NISAKA!



THAT
STUFF
ONLY
WORKS
OUT IN
FAIRY
TALES.

I'm
mumble

...

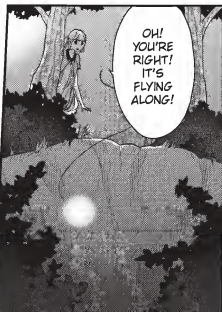


I LIKE BOTH
NEJIMA-KUN...

AND
LILI-CHAN...

WHEN I SAID
I WAS GOING
LILI-CHAN WAS
SO HAPPY.

...THAT'S
WHY











IN THE END...WE ONLY
HUGGED, BUT...

I WONDER WHAT TAKASAKI-SAN
WOULD HAVE DONE?

フム
FUM



OH, MAN, THEY SAW
US AT THE WORST
POSSIBLE MOMENT!

AAAAAAAAAH!

HOW DO I FACE
THEM NOW?!



HUH?

THAT
GLOWING
THING!

HEY!

THERE
IT IS!



...!



LET'S
GO
SEE!



THEY'RE
ALL
GATHERING
OVER
THAT
WAY.

OH,
YOU'RE
RIGHT!





SO ALL THESE LIGHTS ...





THEN
THIS
LIGHT...

...IS THEM
PUTTING
THEIR
LIVES ON
THE LINE
FOR LOVE,
HUH?



YEAH...

I GUESS
THEY'RE
NOT SO
BAD.

IF I
PRETEND
THEY'RE
NOT
BUGS.



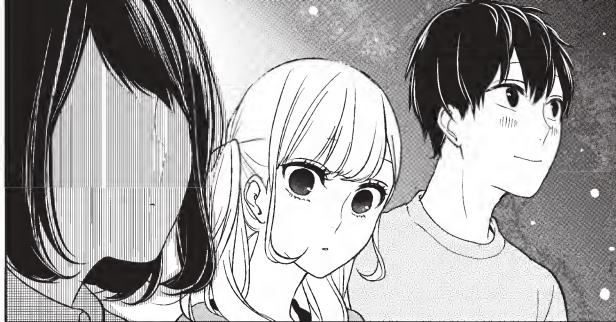
SAME
HERE.

THIS
IS THE
FIRST TIME
I'VE EVER
SEEN
FIREFLIES.



REALLY
...?

FIREFLIES
ONLY DRINK
WATER AND
THEN DIE ONCE
THEY'VE LAID
THEIR EGGS, IF
I REMEMBER
THAT RIGHT.







...LEAVING
NOTHING
BEHIND...

THOUGH
THEY'LL
DISAP-
PEAR
...



RIGHT
NOW,
THESE
LIGHTS...

...ARE SO
DESPERATELY
...

...FALLING
IN
LOVE.



FRIENDS...

CRUSHES...

FIANCEES

...

NONE
OF THAT
MATTERS.



IN THAT
MOMENT...

I DIDN'T
KNOW
WHAT
THE
OTHERS
WERE
THINKING.

THE
FOUR
OF US
WATCHING
THE SAME
SCENE,

I WAS
JUST
GLAD...



...THAT
WE ALL
GOT TO
SEE IT
TOGETHER.



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I SAID I WASN'T !!

YOU WERE THE ONE DOING IT.



HUH?!

WHY ME?!

IS THAT IT, NEJI?



...SO IT'S A VERB, NOT AN ADJECTIVE ?



I KNOW QUITE A LOT ABOUT DOGS!

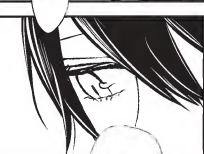
I'M CONFIDENT I CAN IDENTIFY MOST BREEDS!

THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN ...

THAT'S NOT TRUE!

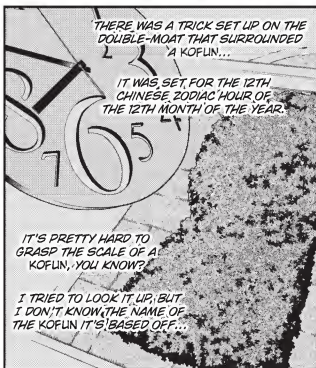
YOU'RE REALLY IN THE DARK IN CERTAIN AREAS, HUH, LILINA-CHAN?















...SINCE
I MET
YUKARI.

SOON IT'LL
BE TWO
MONTHS...

I WAS
JUST
GOING TO
STUDY ON
MY OWN
THEN,
SO THAT
SHOULD BE
FINE.

WHEN
HE'S LIKE
THIS...

...I
DON'T
MIND IT
AT ALL.

SO WHEN
SHALL
WE GO?
ARE YOU
FREE NEXT
WEEKEND?

EEK!

AND...

SO DO I
THINK I
CAN KEEP
CHEERING
THEM ON
FOREVER?

I DON'T
EVEN
KNOW
MYSELF.

I'VE
NEVER
FALLEN
IN LOVE
BEFORE.

BUT
IF YOU
ASKED
ME IF
THAT
MEANS
I LIKE
HIM...

...I
DON'T
KNOW.



AW, SORRY.
BUT YOU
GOTTA
WATCH
WHERE
YOU'RE
GOING!

CAN
YOU
STAND
?

I-I'M
SORRY...



MEN ARE
TALL AND
THEIR
VOICES
ARE LOW.

HEY.

THEY
STILL
SCARE
ME.



ARE YOU
OKAY?!

WHOAH!

STUMBLE



...WHAT
WOULD I
DO...?

IF THEY
TOLD ME
THIS MAN
WAS GOING
TO BE MY
PARTNER...

ALTHOUGH
I REALLY
HAVEN'T
HAD TO
DEAL WITH
THEM
VERY
MUCH,
SO...



WHAP

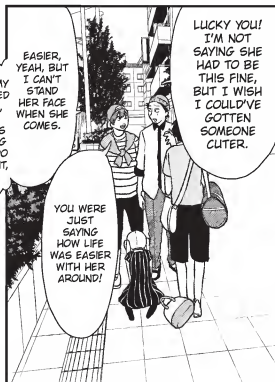
HEY,
KNOCK
IT OFF.

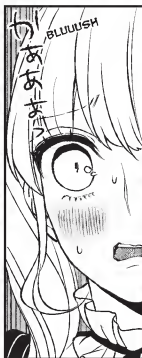
AW,
C'MON.

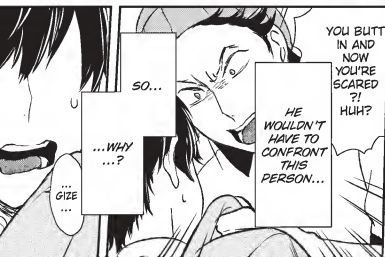
IT'S NOT THAT
BIG OF A
DEAL.

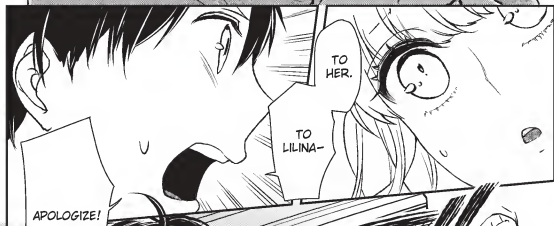


WHITE,
HUH?
NICE.





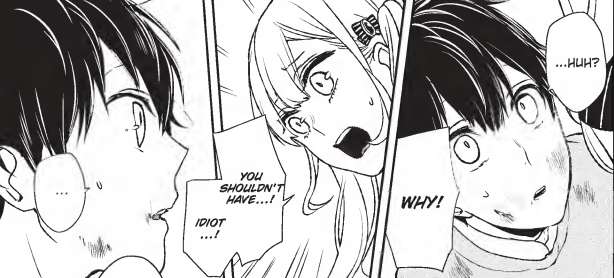




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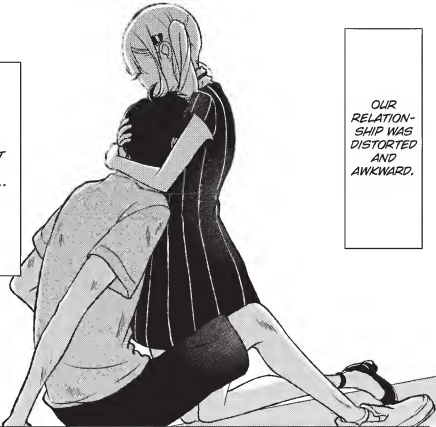












BUT IT
WAS
ALSO...

...THE
MOST
ORDINARY
THING
IN THE
WORLD.

OUR
RELATION-
SHIP WAS
DISTORTED
AND
AWKWARD.



BUT AT
THE TIME,
WE DIDN'T
KNOW...

...
LILINA...
SMELLS
NICE...

...WAS FAST
APPROACHING.

...THAT SOMETHING THAT WOULD
TURN IT UPSIDE-DOWN...

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To be continued...



NEXT VOLUME...

L O V E a n d L I E S



What will
Neji and
Lilina face
in the
mysterious
class they
have to take
together?!

And
what will
happen
with
Takasaki
and
Nisaka at
the school
festival?!



SHIFTING FORCES AND BIG DEVELOPMENTS AWAIT!

THE FEELINGS OF FOUR PEOPLE,

ENTANGLING AND DEEPENING!



AND A NEW
CHARACTER
APPEARS!



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coming soon!

SEE YOU IN VOLUME 3, MASTER...!

★ SPECIAL THANKS ★

SUDOU JUU-SAMA
NOMOMURA-SAMA
HANAWA-SAMA

EVERYONE IN
MY FAMILY

☆ AND ☆

ALL OF YOU
WHO'VE SO
KINDLY READ
MY WORK

ARGH, I CAN'T
DO THIS! IT'S
HUMILIATING TO
SERVE TABLES
IN A SKIRT LIKE
THIS.

THIS KIND OF UNIFORM
MAKES ME NOT WANT TO
WORK AT ALL!

SO I HOPE YOU APPRECIATE
IT ENOUGH TO BUY THE
THIRD VOLUME!



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